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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: POSSIBLE WEST IRIAN DISSIDENT THREAT TO U.S. PERSONNEL

REF: PORT MORESBY 0520

1. SINCE DRAFTING OF RETEL PNG-BASED AUSTRALIAN REPORTER WHO
AUTHORED ARTICLE IN SYDNEY MORNING HERALD HAS WAFFLED HIS
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PREVIOUS VIEWS. PREVIOUSLY HE INDICATED DISSIDENTS TOLD HIM
THEY MIGHT ATTEMPT KIDNAPPING AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER OR
U.S. OR INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO PNG. IN FOLLOWING UP DISCUSSION
WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION REP, AUTHOR NOTED THAT WHILE
DISSIDENTS (WHO ARE MAINLY WEST IRIAN STUDENTS AT UPNG) DID
MAKE SUCH STATEMENT, AUTHOR DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY HAVE
EITHER INTENTION OR CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT SUCH THREATS. THIS,

OF COURSE, MAKES NONSENSE OF AUTHOR'S ORIGINAL STORY.

2. SECRETARY PNG DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TONY SIAGURA REPORTEDLY PLANS TO CALL IN DISSIDENT WEST IRIAN STUDENTS AND READ RIOT ACT TO THEM. PNG POLICE, AT REQUEST DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAVE DETAILED TWO ARMED POLICEMEN TO EACH OF THE U.S. AND INDONESIAN CHANCERIES AND ONE OR MORE POLICE TO AUSTRALIAN, INDONESIAN, U.S. RESIDENCES UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIES.

3. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH SIR MAORI KIKI ON 29TH AND KIKI IS LOOKING INTO SITUATION. AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE CANBERRA HAS NOTIFIED ALL AUSTRALIAN PACIFIC MISSIONS AND HAS REQUESTED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DAKAR AND THE HAGUE TO INFORM THEM OF ANY UNUSUAL DISSIDENT ACTIVITY THERE.

4. AMB OLMSTED WILL BE INFORMED SITUATION UPON HER RETURN WEWAK FROM SEPIK TRIP. PNG POLICE MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ESCORT FOR HER FROM WEWAK TO PORT MORESBY BUT WE PLAN TO REQUEST ANY PNG ASSISTANCE BE EXTREMELY LOW KEY.

5. COMMENT: GENERAL VIEW OF GPNG AND AUSTRALIAN REPS IS THAT THREAT NOT SERIOUS BUT THAT ROUTINE PRECAUTIONS MUST NEVERTHELESS BE TAKEN. WE WILL REVIEW SITUATION WITH AMB UPON HER RETURN AND INFORM DEPT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY ARISE. OLMSTED

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